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Kowloon	8.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29	7.10
Yau Ma Tei	8.50	9.25	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin	9.00	9.35	10.49	12.19	1.34	4.54	5.48	7.29
Tai Po	9.10	9.45	10.59	12.29	1.39	5.04	5.58	7.39
Tai Po Market	9.20	9.55	11.08	12.38	1.49	5.14	6.08	7.49
Fanning	9.30	10.05	11.18	12.48	1.59	5.24	6.18	7.59
Shung Shui	9.40	10.15	11.28	12.58	2.09	5.34	6.28	8.09
Shum Chun	9.50	10.25	11.38	13.08	2.19	5.44	6.38	8.19

Stations	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.	Dep.	Arr.
Shum Chun	7.21	8.05	10.48	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	6.48
Shung Shui	7.31	8.15	10.58	11.50	3.07	4.24	5.20	6.55
Fanning	7.41	8.25	11.08	12.00	3.14	4.31	5.27	7.02
Tai Po Market	7.51	8.35	11.18	12.10	3.21	4.38	5.34	7.09
Tai Po	8.01	8.45	11.28	12.20	3.28	4.45	5.41	7.19
Shatin	8.11	8.55	11.38	12.30	3.35	4.52	5.48	7.29
Yau Ma Tei	8.21	9.05	11.48	12.40	3.42	5.00	5.56	7.39
Kowloon	8.31	9.15	11.58	12.50	3.49	5.07	6.03	7.49

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Kowloon	8.40	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	4.35	5.29	7.10
Yau Ma Tei	8.50	9.25	10.39	12.09	1.24	4.44	5.38	7.19
Shatin	9.00	9.35	10.49	12.19	1.34	4.54	5.48	7.29
Tai Po	9.10	9.45	10.59	12.29	1.39	5.04	5.58	7.39
Tai Po Market	9.20	9.55	11.08	12.38	1.49	5.14	6.08	7.49
Fanning	9.30	10.05	11.18	12.48	1.59	5.24	6.18	7.59
Shung Shui	9.40	10.15	11.28	12.58	2.09	5.34	6.28	8.09
Shum Chun	9.50	10.25	11.38	13.08	2.19	5.44	6.38	8.19

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Shum Chun	8.12	10.38	11.40	12.00	3.00	4.17	5.20	6.48
Shung Shui	8.22	10.48	11.50	12.10	3.07	4.24	5.27	6.55
Fanning	8.32	10.58	12.00	12.30	3.14	4.31	5.34	7.02
Tai Po Market	8.42	11.08	12.10	12.40	3.21	4.38	5.41	7.09
Tai Po	8.52	11.18	12.20	12.50	3.28	4.45	5.48	7.19
Shatin	9.02	11.28	12.30	13.00	3.35	4.52	5.55	7.29
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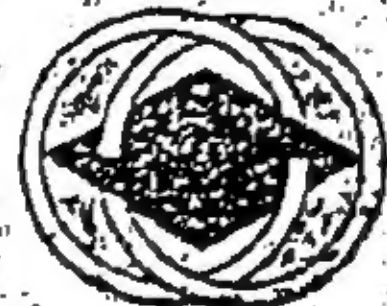
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Division I.	
E. Surrey Regt. 2	Hongkong Police 0
South China "A" 2	H.M.S. Tamar 1
Hongkong Club 1	Kowloon 0
Division II.	
Club de Recreo 8	South China "B" 0
"A" 1	University 0
E. Surrey Res. 3	University 0
Club de Recreo 4	St. Joseph's "B" 0
South China "A" 4	H.K. Club Res. 1
E. Surrey's Drums 2	Kowloon Reserves 0
St. Joseph's "A" 1	Sacred Heart 1

H.K. CLUB v. KOWLOON.

This game played on the Club ground at Happy Valley was a disappointment from the spectacular point of view. Neither team played up to expectations while visitors to the Club ground were very few.

Misfortune followed the Kowloon team for in the opening half of the game Crocker, who was making his first appearance for Kowloon since he returned to the Colony, fell heavily and dislocated his elbow, taking no further part in the game. This handicap great upset Kowloon's chances, and Wheeler taking over the duties of goalkeeper weakened the defence. It would have been better policy for Kowloon to have put Duncan in goal, for Wheeler's place in the field cannot easily be filled. The game opened fairly even and although the standard of play fell much below the average, there was little to choose between the teams. Bishop and Evelyn were absent from the Club team and their places were taken by McCubbin and McTavish who fancy their chances in the Annual match; Scotland versus England on Boxing Day. Chances were offered to both teams to score, but shooting, to say the least, was wild. At the interval the score sheet was blank.

Crocker was still absent from the Kowloon side when the teams again took the field and Wheeler donned the white jersey. Nothing of note occurred until, during a scramble in front of the Kowloon goal following a corner kick, the Club were awarded a penalty. Jones, who had early in the game injured his leg, took the kick but sent the ball hard against the upright and Howard catching it on the rebound sent hard at Wheeler who brought off a good save amidst applause. For a time after this the game was even, the forwards being very erratic in shooting. The only goal of the game came from Howard who, taking advantage of a misunderstanding between Turner and McKelvie, received the ball from a pass by Fife and with a fast screw shot along the ground sent the ball into the far corner of the net, Wheeler making a strenuous effort to deflect the ball outside. For a time the game then lived up and Kowloon attacked strongly, but the Club defence held them out and the final whistle found Kowloon close in and the score one goal to nil in favour of the Club.

As was expected, the game was evenly contested and but for the accident to Crocker the score sheet would probably have been blank. Wheeler played a fine game in goal and had little chance with the shot that beat him. Owing to his absence from his usual position the Club's left wing was unmarked, and although Turner tried to drop back to stop Howard getting his shot in, he was too late, and credit is due to Howard for taking the chance offered and sending in a first time shot. He played a fairly good game on the wing but lost several chances through trying to score from the touch line. McTavish, who partnered Howard, shows that he has still football in him. Jones could do little, for he was well covered by McKelvie. Fife put over a couple of fine centres but Duncan was much too good for him. Stewart played his usual game, his wing halves being satisfied with defensive play. McCubbin was the staidier of the backs and tackled well. Rodger had little to do in goal, McKelvie being the only one to trouble him. Knight played well for Kowloon after Wheeler went in goal. The halves were a hard working trio, Turner putting in some sound play. The Kowloon forwards could not settle down and individually they were poor.

Hongkong Club.—G. Rodger; Gerrard and McCubbin; Mair, J. Stewart and Watson; Fife; Forsyth, Jones, McTavish and Howard.

Kowloon.—Crocker; Wheeler and Knight; Turner; McKelvie and A. Duncan; Cleme, McBride, Paisco, Vickers and Huys.

Referee: Mr. F. Smith.

SOUTH CHINA "A" v. "TAMAR"

On the Garrison ground at Sookunpoo South China beat the Tamar in a well contested game by the odd goal in three.

The Tamar tried out two new men in Wigginton and Blake, while South China had out Cheung Wing Shing in place of Chan So. The usual Chinese crowd lined the goal ends and the stands were crowded before the game started.

From the kick off South China attacked and Wavish was called upon to defend from Suen Kun Shun. Play opened fast and was for a time even until Suen Kun Shun, receiving from Lai Wai Tong, went in and beat Wavish with a well placed shot. The sailors got away from the centre kick and for a time the South China defence was hard pressed. Before the interval the sailors got on equal terms, Edds beating Lau Hing Cheung with a low screw shot. Half time—Tamar, 1; South China, 1.

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From the re-start the sailors took up the attack but failed to pass the backs, Lai Yuk Tat and Cheung Wing Shing being very safe. The play continued fast, and just on time South China, scored through Lai Wai Tong who took a pass from Pang Kam Wing and went in and beat Wavish, winning the match.

The game was keenly contested and the result in doubt until the final whistle sounded. The sailors showed a marked improvement in their play and Lau Hing Cheung had plenty to do, although the shot that beat him was not a difficult one. Wigginton at centre half was outstanding for the sailors. His inclusion in the Tamar's team will make it much stronger.

Leung Yuk Tong worked hard although he had a nasty fall on the hard ground which caused him to be absent from the field for a few minutes. Cheung Wing Shing played a dashing game at back and he was well backed up by Lai Yuk Tat.

South China.—Lau Hing Cheung; Lai Yuk Tat and Cheung Wing Shing; Leung Yuk Tong, Wong Shui Wa and Lam Yuk Ying; Pang Kam Wing, Suen Kun Shun, Wong Pak Chong, Lai Wai Tong and Chan Kwong Lu.

Tamar.—Wavish; Ball and Leonard; Handford, Wigginton and Sandy; Johnson, Roberts, Edds, Blake and Brown.

Referee: Mr. Smith, R.A.

EAST SURREY REGT. v. POLICE.

The East Surreys visited Kowloon where they were opposed to the Police on the Kowloon F.C. ground. By some misunderstanding the Police turned out nine men only but they gave the Surreys a good game and when the final whistle sounded they were only two goals in arrears, having also failed to convert a penalty. Playing three forwards against a strong half-back line like the Surreys was a great handicap. Clarke was excellent in goal, picking the ball off his opponents' boots when a goal seemed certain. Wynne strained his ankle in kicking the ground when attempting to clear a low shot. Eaton opened the score with a fast shot. The Surreys persistently bombarded the Police goal but the sound defensive play of Wynne and McWalter, and the good work of Clarke in goal, prevented any further score, before the interval which arrived with the Surreys leading by a goal to nil.

From the re-start the Surreys took up the attack but could not get the ball past Clarke who for a time appeared to have a charmed life. However, Butler received well out and working his way through the defence, and with only Clarke to beat, he sent in a screw shot from close range. The Police, being two goals down, tried hard to pull the game round, but, with three forwards only, found it hard to make headway. However they got well in when Jordan handled in the penalty area and

Forbes failed to score from the spot kick, sending the ball straight into the hands of Douglas. Clarke was the hero of the game and seldom has Wynne given a better display at back. McWalter also played well. The forwards had little chance, being two players short. Eaton was the pick of the Surreys forwards but the team as a whole played up well and football enthusiasts are looking forward to their match with South China next week on the Garrison ground at Sookunpoo.

East Surrey Regt.—Douglas; Cooper and Jordan; Petter, Mitchell and Bristow; Charlesworth, Eaton, Humberstone, Butler and Mackleworth.

Police.—A. E. Clarke; Wynne and McWalter; Britton, Forbes and Dewar; Stewart, Johnson and Simpson.

Referee: Mr. Spencer.

EAST SURREYS DRUMS v. KOWLOON RESERVES.

At Sookunpoo these teams played a very even game although Kowloon had to acknowledge defeat by two goals to nil. Parratt put through his own goal and gave the Drums the lead, and before the interval Parker scored for the Drums. There was no scoring during the second half. Kowloon played ten men throughout.

CLUB DE RECREO "A" v. SOUTH CHINA "B"

On the Kowloon F.C. ground the Club de Recreo beat South China by eight goals to nil. Rocha scored twice for the Club and Fuertes once in the opening half. After the change of ends Brown scored for the Club, then Gosano scored, Rocha put on two and Gosano scored again.

ST. JOSEPH'S "A" v. SACRED HEART.

St. Joseph's had to be content with a single point in their match on their own ground against Sacred Heart. At half time the score sheet was blank. Early in the second half Mackenzie gave St. Joseph's the lead and Ismail scored later on for the Sacred Heart, the game ending in a draw off one goal each.

CLUB DE RECREO "B" v. ST. JOSEPH'S "B"

Playing on the Navy "A" ground the Club de Recreo beat St. Joseph's by four goals to nil. Alves opened the score and before the interval Lopes put the Club further ahead. After the change of ends Osmond and Montalto scored for the Club.

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H.K. CLUB RESERVES v. SOUTH CHINA "A"

Playing at home the Club Reserves went down badly to the South China "A," the result being four goals to one in favour of South China. Ip Kau opened the score and later put on two more goals without any reply from the Club Reserves. After the change of ends the Club had more of the game and Ferguson scored for them. Ip Kau again scored for South China and the final result was: South China 4, H.K. Club Reserves 1.

EAST SURREYS RESERVES v. UNIVERSITY.

On the South China ground the East Surreys Reserves beat the University by three goals to nil. Robinson opened the score after thirty minutes; play and two minutes later Woodbridge put on another. Early in the second half Woodbridge scored the Surreys' third goal, the score at the close being: East Surreys Reserves 3, University 0.

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COMPANY MEETING.

SHANGHAI LAND INVESTMENT
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DIRECTORS' PROPOSALS
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At an extraordinary meeting of the Shanghai Land Investment Company, Ltd., last week, called for the purpose of obtaining sanction for an increase of capital to Tls. 5,000,000 by the creation of 30,000 additional ordinary shares of Tls. 50, at a premium of Tls. 40, Mr. Brook Smith said that he considered the proposed premium was not justified and moved the following amendment:

"That the following wording be adopted in place of the wording proposed by the Board of Directors for Section 2 of the resolution before the meeting:

"That the said 30,000 additional shares be offered in the first instance at a premium of Tls. 25 per share to the members of the company on the register on the 31st day of March, 1925, in the proportion as nearly as may be of one new share for every two existing shares held by them and upon the footing that the full amount of each share taken up plus the premium (making together Tls. 75 per share) shall be paid to the company on acceptance of the offer, and that such offer be made by notice to be issued not later than the 7th day of April, 1925, specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and stating that such offer will be deemed to be declined unless an acceptance of such offer in writing is delivered to the agents of the company or to the company's bankers, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at Shanghai, on or before the 30th day of June, 1925, together with payment in full for each new share so accepted and that the directors be empowered to dispose of the shares not taken up in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the company."

In the course of a speech Mr. Brook Smith said:—The directors appear to have been guided in arriving at the details of the resolution by the fact that the investing public in recent years has been satisfied with a return of 6 1/2 per cent. per annum. This was due in a measure to cheap money and the possible anticipation by many investors that a new issue of shares shortly would be effected. If the resolution is adopted many shareholders will be disappointed and I am of the opinion that the old and new shares will only be saleable on a 7 per cent. basis. This means that the old shares will drop to Tls. 110 per share and the new ones will advance to that figure. The market depreciation on the old shares only will be made good by appreciation of the new shares and so there will be no benefit to shareholders. Further, it is only provided that the company is able to pay Tls. 8 per annum on the old and new shares, which is problematical. I do not know that I can say anything further on this amendment, but I ask you to give it your support and I hope that all present will support it by a show of hands, because when I arrived this morning it was indicated by the Chairman that the directors were not prepared to vote for the amendment, but at the same time they would not oppose it. Therefore, if a show of hands will carry it, I think all the shareholders present must vote in favour. The amendment having been seconded by Mr. A. W. Burkill, was put to the meeting and, with the directors abstaining from voting, was carried unanimously. The resolution then was put as amended and also carried unanimously.

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Oriental Tls. 3.60 b.
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Hongkong Ropes \$55 ss.
China Provident (\$2) (new) ss.
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CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

All admirers of Constance Talmadge will be enchanted with "Polly of the Follies," the First National attraction which opened & ran at the Queen's Theatre yesterday, and which is Miss Talmadge's latest starring picture. It is a little gem of comedy-drama in which the star does some of the best acting of her career in the humorous touches she adds to the original scenario prepared for her by John Emerson and Anita Loos. The idea of a country girl yearning for footlight fame is one that has a wide appeal, and the authors and star have evolved it from another point of view than that usually found in such stories.



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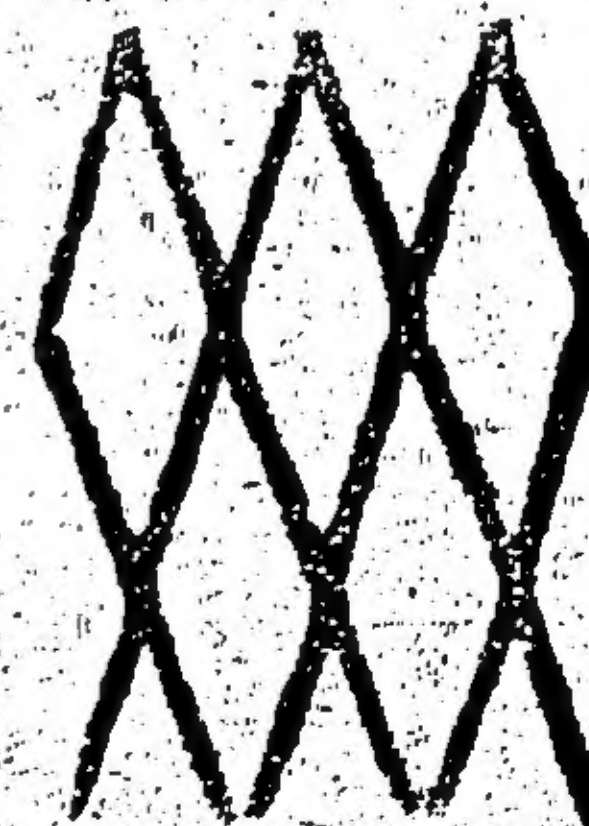
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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE RECENT KIDNAPPING
EPISODE AT CANTON.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG
DAILY PRESS."]

SIR.—In view of the amount of publicity given in newspapers to the recent kidnapping of teachers and students of this College, I shall be obliged if you will give publicity to the following brief account of this occurrence.

Last Saturday one of the launches of the College on making its usual 2.30 a.m. trip from the College jetty on the Bund to the College, a run of fifteen minutes, was held up by six armed robbers who had come on board disguised as ordinary Chinese gentlemen. The hold up was done so quickly that no alarm was possible. The robbers had seated themselves in couples in different parts of the launch, thus enabling them to control all the passengers without moving. The launch was taken down to a place some miles below Whampoa. A large fat boat lying alongside of the bank was commandeered and the captured people placed on this boat and counted. While the transfer was taking place, however, three of the captives hid themselves in a small cabin in the front of the boat; there, so no more could take advantage of it. One foreign lady, two Chinese women students, the crew of the launch, and two men who were servants on our campus, were allowed to return, along with the launch. When the main body of captives were taken ashore it was not noticed that the three who had hidden in the boat were missing. Later on these three were helped by the boat people to escape and after some exciting adventures, including the experience of being recaptured, found their way to the College. The total number actually captured by the robbers was seven Chinese staff members, five visitors to the College (three of whom were returned students), and twenty-four students.

The main group it now appears were taken to a monastery at the foot of hills not a very long distance from the shore. On arriving there eight were selected from the main body and taken off by themselves. The rest were kept up in one place and kept there for the night. The next day, after some discussion with the robbers, two teachers and one visitor were selected to return to the College and secure ransom for the others and themselves at the rate of \$300 H.K. each. These three men were required to promise to return with this money not later than 9 a.m. on Tuesday, and if the College refused to give the money they promised that they would return to their captors. At the same time they were also required to promise to do nothing to investigate military action against the robbers until Tuesday morning. This scheme was obviously intended to get off with their captives before troops could get after them, and was so interpreted by the College and the military authorities concerned. I may say that on the refusal of the College to provide the ransom these three men kept their promise as far as they could. In the interests of the College, however, I could not allow them to return to the rendezvous appointed without adequate protection to prevent their being recaptured, and thus the College made it impossible for them to carry out their promise literally.

On the night of Saturday-Sunday the American naval and consular authorities were informed of the occurrence, and on Sunday morning all the information we possessed was placed before the Chinese officials. The matter was delegated by the Civil Governor to General Li Fuk Lam, in co-operation with the Chief of Police, and by the afternoon of Sunday a Government armed launch on the spot where the captives had been landed, and responsible military officials were making full investigations in the surrounding district.

On Tuesday, twenty-two of the captives returned. They had been liberated by the robbers who, under the pressure of the energetic military action being taken, led them into a hilly district and left them to themselves. They found their way ultimately to the Whampoa Military Academy and from there were sent back to the College in a launch. There remained only eight people in captivity, but General Li assured us he had taken adequate steps to secure their release and was confident they would be in our hands in the course of a few days. This assurance proved to be well-founded and by three o'clock on the morning of Friday the whole group were back at the College. Various reports have gained currency as to the activities of the College staff in connection with this affair. I may say, however, that the activities of the College have been directed only to carrying the information we have received from time to time to the military headquarters and those operating in the district concerned. It has also been reported that several of the parents and relatives of the students desired the College to adopt the policy of paying ransom for the captives. It is true that some pressure has been brought to bear on us to adopt such a method, but after the fullest consultation with the military authorities we have consistently refused to do so. The reasons for such a course are obvious, and I think the quick result that has followed military action has abundantly proved the wisdom of refusing any compromise with the robbers.

I wish to state further that throughout this whole week the military authorities, particularly under General Li Fuk Lam, have exerted themselves to secure the release of the captives in a way that has been most gratifying to the College. (Continued at foot of next column.)

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

ENFORCING REDUCTION OF
RENTALS ON FARM LANDS.

The Kuomintang Bolsheviks in Kwangtung District, Kwangtung Province, to justify their recent compulsory measures against the landlords of the rice fields there to reduce their rentals from farm tenants, have issued a statement which, roughly translated, includes the following:

"The farmers in Sha-kong and other precincts constitute nearly 90 per cent. of the population of Kwangtung. The farms, however, are owned by but a few families—Kong, Fung, and Chan—a condition not at all favourable or just. The landlords are asking for \$20 to \$30 as rental yearly for every *mu* of land leased to the farmers, in addition to other gifts regularly demanded from their tenants. The produce from an average *mu* of rice paddy a year is about eighty bushels (Chinese), but nearly sixty of them have to go towards payment of rent, leaving only twenty bushels, worth \$6; to those who toil from year in to year out. How can one support himself and family on so small an income? Moreover, a farmer, to work a *mu* of rice land, has to spend some \$2 on seedlings, \$2 on fertilizer, and \$1.20 on repairs, implements, and other incidentals every year. Farmers in this district are unable to support their families on their labour, and everywhere in this district, one may see octogenarians still with their ploughs, and children of less than nine years old acting as human beasts of burden. The landlords are blind to all these evils. In addition to high and oppressive rentals the landlords are also exacting from their tenants, poultry and vegetable produce and magnifying their exactions through the Bureau of own advantage. Through the Bureau of Defence of the local communities, the landlords are also levying on the farmers every year 40 cents for each *mu* within a household, 20 cents house tax, 80 cents for each water buffalo possessed, and 40 cents for each head of cattle. Despite all the injustice done to the farmers by the landlords, the farmers are only asking for a reduction of farm rentals by 40 per cent. in addition to more humane treatment."

THE PRICE OF FUEL.

Since the great fire at Wuchow, on December 1st, and the temporary stoppage of firewood export, prices have been running high in Canton, where sometimes as high as \$3 a picul is asked for by fuel merchants.

FIRES AND INSURANCE.

The Canton District Procurator, *pro officio* Coroner for the Southern metropolis, has been called upon to take up one of the largest cases on record so far, in connection with a fire at Shek-tau, south of Canton City on December 10th, when 15 people perished. The place burned was a section of match-houses housing several hundred boat people along the river bank there.

The unusual large number of fires in Canton recently is driving many local insurance companies into bankruptcy. The latest one forced to take this step is the Man Sang Company, which lost heavily in the fires at Chanchien, on October 29th, Sheung Shui Hou, November 17th, and Wengsha, December 1st.

THE SUPPRESSION OF
WAITRESSES.

In view of the Canton authorities' arresting young women for waiting at restaurants and tea houses and violating a recent police order prohibiting the employment of girls as waitresses in these places, the public is watching what they will do with the newly-opened Women's Restaurant at Wai Sun Lo Street, staffed by women, except the chief cook, who must be an expert and good eater, a duty which no Cantonese woman appears at present qualified to undertake.

LOW WATER IN WEST RIVER.

Because of the low water in many sections of the West River, Canton, Wuchow, and Hongkong traffic is much delayed. Some Hongkong-Canton boats have to leave two hours before their scheduled times because of this inconvenience.

BOLSHEVIST MISCHIEF-MAKING.

The Canton vernacular Press, using information furnished by the Tai-ping and other Bolshevistic agency sources, published on Dec. 13th, reports that the Hongkong Government were intending to invade the police jurisdiction of the West River by dispatching gunboats there and performing functions reserved only to local authorities.

A RED VOLUNTEER ORGANISATION.

Bolsheviks in Canton, by authority of the Kuomintang régime, are organizing merchants' volunteers to replace the organization recently suppressed by the Red Army. To show their disapproval of the Red activities, the merchants are refusing to identify themselves with the proposed organization.

and to the relatives and friends of the captives. By shutting up the outside to the more distant hills, and by holding the leaders of the villagers in the district responsible, General Li Fuk Lam in the end forced the robbers to relinquish all of their captives.

To General Li and those who co-operated with him, the College wishes to express its sincere thanks. I need hardly add that the College in co-operation with the Chinese military and police forces is taking adequate precaution to prevent any such occurrence taking place in the future.—I am, faithfully yours,

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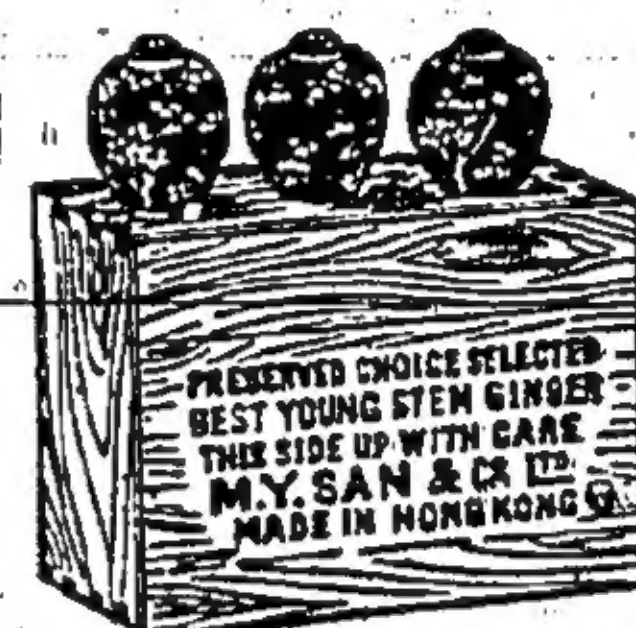
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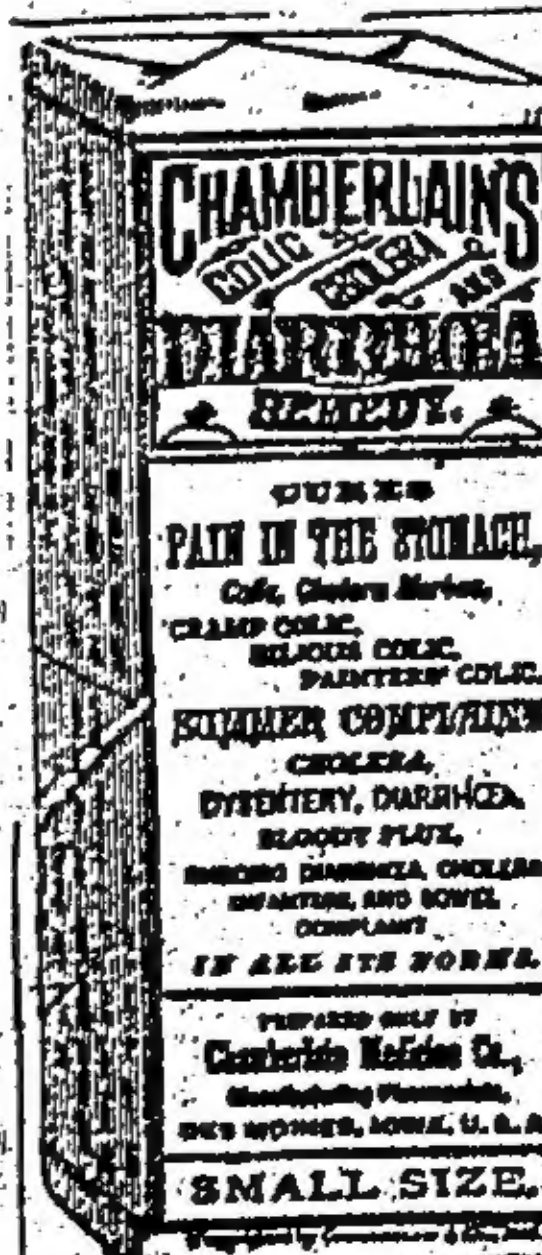
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CRICKET.

SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

BACHELORS v. BENEDICTS.

A keen game was seen on Saturday when the married men met the bachelors. Reed had to drop out of the married team, and by this omission the bowling was considerably weakened, nevertheless, Mr. R. E. O. Bird did good work for the married men, taking three wickets for 63. Griffin also was prominent as a bowler, taking four for 44.

For the bachelors Webster knocked up a very creditable 50, and the innings was declared at 205 for eight wickets. Pearce did well for the Benedicts, and was unfortunate in being run out when 69. With the total at 133 for four the match was drawn.

BACHELORS.				
1st Innings.				
Rev. E. K. Quick, c Hett, b Bird	8			
R. E. A. Webster, c and b Lockhart	50			
E. J. Stewart, c Hamilton, b Bird	7			
H. Owen Hughes, b Griffin	45			
G. R. More, c McNichol, b Bird	72			
F. N. Young, c Griffin	0			
J. D. Humphreys, not out	17			
H. J. Armstrong, b Griffin	0			
Rev. T. B. Powell, b Griffin	1			
A. C. I. Bowker, not out	31			
Extras	16			
Total (for 8 wks., dec.)	205			

BENEDICTS.				
1st Innings.				
T. E. Pearce, run out	69			
Col. E. D. Matthews, b Bowker	16			
F. J. R. Mitchell, run out	10			
H. E. Hollands, c and b Owen	7			
Hughes	39			
G. B. Hett, not out	7			
I. D. McNichol, not out	0			
Extras	12			
Total (for 4 wickets)	153			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bird	15	1	63	3
Hamilton	3	0	23	0
McNichol	3	0	23	0
Lockhart	5	0	31	1
Griffin	11	1	44	4

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Bowker	9	1	46	1
Owen Hughes	6	2	23	1
Quick	4	0	22	0
Powell	6	0	21	0
Webster	3	0	16	0
Young	3	0	13	0

LEAGUE MATCHES.

K.C.C. v. EAST SURREYS.

The feature of this first division match on the Kowloon ground was the bowling of Goodwin for the winners, who took six Surrey wickets for 30, the Soldiers being dismissed for 76, and of Capt. Rowe, who took 8 Kowloon wickets for 21.

K.C.C.				
1st Innings.				
A. W. Ramsay, c Kent, b Wood	25			
S. Jex, c Rowe, b Wood	8			
Geo. Lee, b Rowe	5			
H. H. Benson, b Rowe	3			
J. Fraser, b Rowe	29			
J. C. Lyle, b Rowe	0			
J. Goodwin, c Patton, b Rowe	14			
H. R. Macaskill, b Rowe	0			
A. B. F. Raven, b Clarke	0			
J. C. Fletcher, run out	5			
H. Overy, not out	0			
Extras	2			
Total	89			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Kent	4	1	19	0
Wood	8	0	41	2
Rowe	5.5	2	21	6
Clarke	1	0	6	1

EAST SURREYS.				
1st Innings.				
Lt. Chidson, c Goodwin, b Lyle	0			
Capt. Kent, b Lyle	8			
Bdson, Wood, b Goodwin	0			
Q.M.S. Stripp, c Lee, b Goodwin	1			
Lt. Allfree, b Goodwin	9			
Lt. Clarke, b Lyle, b Goodwin	9			
Major Patton, b Lyle, b Goodwin	24			
Capt. Rowe, b Lee	15			
Pte. Holliday, not out	3			
Pte. Cheesman, b Goodwin	3			
Pte. Ingram, c Ramsay, b Lee	0			
Extras	14			
Total	78			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Goodwin	15	5	30	6
Lyle	10	4	22	2
Lee	4.1	0	10	2

C.C.C. v. R.A.

The Royal Artillery visited Craignower, and were defeated by 49 runs.

C.C.C.				
S. Abbas, b Smith	6			
R. O. Reed, b Gifford	2			
D. Fritz, b Smith	6			
T. Grimes, b Smith	34			
A. Kitchell, b Hattersley-Smith	6			
B. W. Bradbury, c Beasley, b Gifford	8			
W. L. Plow, c Hill, b Hattersley-Smith	23			

H. M. Xavier, c Hattersley-Smith	23
b Smith	13
R. Basa, c Gifford, b Hill	13
E. Hamson, run out	2
F. Schnepel, not out	2
Extras	2
Total	139

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gifford	12	1	49	2
Smith	12.5	2	48	4
Hattersley-Smith	4	0	29	2
Hill	3	0	10	1

R.A.				
Capt. Beasley, b Abbas	5			
Lt. W. Hall, c Kitchell, b Abbas	7			
Capt. Parker, c Xavier, b Abbas	0			
Major Hattersley-Smith, b Fritz	32			
B.S.M. Page, b Abbas	9			
Lt. Smith, b Abbas	13			
Sgt. Gifford, c Hamson, b Abbas	3			
Br. Robertson, b Abbas	3			
Gr. Dyer, b Fritz	5			
Capt. Barrett, not out	5			
Gr. Hill, c Bradbury, b Abbas	6			
Extras	6			
Total	90			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Abbas	10.3	2	40	8
Reed	7	1	33	0
Fritz	3	0	11	2

SECOND DIVISION.

I.R.C. 2nd XI v. R.E.

The Indian Recreation Club, playing on their own ground, had an easy victory over the Engineers.

I.R.C.				
S. A. Ismail, b Cockell	23			
M. P. Madar, b Cockell	0			
E. D. Rumjahn, b Jacob	1			
N. B. Kitchell, b Jacob	0			
A. R. Minu, run out	0			
D. Rumjahn, c Blundin, b Cockell	24			
J. Cassumbhoy, c and b Cockell	18			
Sirdar Khan, b Cockell	18			
S. A. E. Ismail, c Cockell, b Jacob	19			
F. M. el Arculli, not out	11			
E. A. Moosdeen, not out	11			
Extras	9			
Total (for 9 wks., dec.)	155			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Jacob	19	7	125	4
Cockell	15	0	85	4
Jones	6	1	15	0
Goodman	2	0	23	0

R.E.				
Capt. Chippindall, c S. A. R. Ismail, b Rumjahn	44			
Sergt. Cockell, b Sirdar Khan	19			
Capt. Feary, b Sirdar Khan	4			
Cpl. Blundin, c Sirdar Khan, b el Arculli	8			
Sergt. Hamblin, c Sirdar Khan, b el Arculli	2			
Q.M.S. Ramsay, st. Ismail, b Sirdar Khan	0			
Sgt. Hollands, not out	0			
Q.M.S. Smith, b Rumjahn	0			
Q.M.S. Jacob, b.w. b Rumjahn	0			
Sergt. Jones, c Sirdar Khan, b Rumjahn	2			
Spr. Goodman, c and b Rumjahn	0			
Extras	9			
Total	88			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
F. M. el Arculli	10	2	17	2
H. D. Rumjahn	8	2	29	5
Sirdar Khan	6	1	23	3
Cassumbhoy	3	0	12	0

C.S.C.C. 2nd XI v. NAVY.

By defeating the Navy the C.S.C.C. registered their fourth win of the season in second league cricket.

NAVY.				
Lt. Alexander, not out	41			
Marine Wilkins, c and b	1			
Lt. Cdr. Ramsbottom, c and b	0			
Squibbs	0			
Capt. Hopwood, c Nihill, b Edmonds	23			
Lt. Gould, c Cullip, b Edmonds	23			
A. C. Miles, not out	29			
Lt. Cdr. Rushbrooke, b Sara	1			
Lt. Jackson, st. Strange, b Sara	4			
Extras	11			
Total (for 6 wks.)	146			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Edmonds	11	2	38	2
Squibbs	4	0	20	2
Nihill	3	0	18	0
Sara	7.1	0	33	2
Grimmett	3	0	13	0
Spillet	2	0	17	0

C.S.C.C. 2ND XI.				
F. Harper, run out	1			
C. Alexander, run out	61			
G. H. Beardsall, b Davenport	0			
J. H. B. Nihill, c Gregory, b Davenport	42			
F. L. Squibbs, b Hooppell	9			
S. B. Spillet, c Hooppell, b Davenport	1			
A. W. Grimmett, c Miles, b Davenport	0			
W. H. Edmonds, not out	16			
W. Cullip, b Davenport	14			
Extras	6			
Total (for 8 wks.)	152			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Davenport	14.3	3	44	5
Hooppell	12	0	57	1
Gregory	4	0	14	0
Miles	3	0	21	0
Gould	1	0	8	0

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Davenport	14.3	3	44	5
Hooppell	12	0	57	1
Gregory	4	0	14	0
Miles	3	0	21	0
Gould	1	0	8	0

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Davenport	14.3	3	44	5
Hooppell	12	0	57	1
Gregory	4	0	14	0
Miles	3	0	21	0
Gould	1	0	8	0

FRIENDLY MATCHES.

C.S.C.C. v. NAVY.

The Navy were entertained on the Civil Service ground, and after a keen game the match was drawn owing to the light falling.

C.S.C.C.				
F. E. Lawrence, c Stephenson, b Hogg	14			
H. G. Wallington, b Hogg	9			
B. D. Evans, not out	64			
E. C. Fincher, c Barrett, b Hayter	4			
A. E. Wood, b Hayter	0			
A. R. Sutherland, c Nicholson, b Leech	27			
F. Baker, c Hogg, b Hargreaves	0			
G. H. Pierce, b Hargreaves	0			
H. D. E. Pondered, c Nicholson, b Hayter	4			
F. H. Holdman, c Stephenson, b Hogg	10			
Sir Claud Severn, b Leech	5			
Extras	5			
Total	142			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Hargreaves	9	1	32	2
Hogg	11	1	36	3
Hayter	5	1	23	3
Leech	8.4	4	29	2
Stephenson	3	1	12	0

NAVY.				
Lt.-Com. Jotham, c Wood, b Sir Claud Severn	2			
Com. Rawlings, b Baker	5			
Com. Barrett, c Fincher, b Wallington	23			
Mid. Stephenson, c Baker, b Wood	13			
Capt. West, not out	19			
Pay-Lt. Com. Hargreaves, c and b Baker	25			
Lt. Gush, not out	1			
Extras	10			
Total (for 5 wickets)	99			

BOWLING ANALYSIS.				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Sir Claud Severn	7	1	16	1
Baker	7	0	25	2
Evans	3	0	10	0
Perfected	2	0	7	0
Wallington	2	1	2	1
Pierce	2	0	20	0

C.R.C. v. H.K.C.C.				
The visitors at Causeway Bay fielded a weak eleven, but were victorious by three wickets and 73 runs.				
Scores:—				
H. Ching, b Burn	15			
C. Choo, c Watson, b Burn	13			
Ng Sze Kwong, c Stevenson, b Macalpine	9			

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All Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th instant, will be subject to Rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.
Damaged Packages must be left in the Godown for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Anderson & Ashe, at 10 a.m. on the 19th December, 1924.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown and all Claims must be presented within two weeks of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognized.
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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 22nd of December, 1924, will be subject to Rent.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe on the 20th of December, 1924, at 10 a.m.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned before the 25th of December, 1924, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.
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Hongkong, 14th December, 1924. [1599]

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CONSIGNEE'S of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th instant, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 31st instant, or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 19th instant, at 10 a.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
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Hongkong, 13th December, 1924. [1598]

STRUTHERS & BARRY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO AND LOS ANGELES VIA PORTS.

THE Steamship "WEST SEQUANA"
having arrived from the above-mentioned ports, Monday, 15th December, 1924, Consignees are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.
Consignees of Cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports Office, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned or Delivery Orders issued.

All broken, chafed and damaged Cargo to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m., Saturday, 20th December, 1924, by Messrs. Anderson & Ashe, Marine Surveyors.
All Claims must be presented within 10 days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.
No Claims will be recognized after the Goods have left the Godown, and Cargo undelivered after Monday, 22nd December, 1924, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.
Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading in exchange for Delivery Orders immediately.

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U.S.S.R. Emergency Fleet Corp.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1924. [1801]

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INTIMATIONS

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 188 of the Companies Ordinance, 1911, that a GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above-named Company will be held at the Offices of The Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co., Ltd., No. 11, Queen's Road Central, on MONDAY, the 12th day of JANUARY, 1925, at ELEVEN O'CLOCK in the forenoon, for the purpose of having an Account laid before them showing the manner in which the Winding-up has been conducted, and of hearing any explanations that may be given by the Liquidator, and also of determining by Extraordinary Resolution the manner in which the Books, Accounts, and Documents of the Company and of the Liquidator thereof shall be disposed of.
Dated this 12th day of December, 1924.
L. S. GREENHILL,
Liquidator. [1593]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "TAXION" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf.

The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 12th December.
Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th December, will be subject to Rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 1st January, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 12th December, 1924. [1592]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer "PERRHU" are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignees' risk and subject to Terms and Conditions of Storage at Holt's Wharf.

The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after 11th December.
Optional Cargo will be landed, unless Notice has been given prior to Steamer's arrival.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th December, will be subject to Rent.
All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 31st December, or they will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1924. [1588]

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NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from MARSEILLE, LERS, &c., and also Cargo from HAVRE at S.S. "TETUAN," in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless Intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, To-day, requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining undelivered after Monday, the 15th December, 1924, at Noon, will be subject to Rent and Landing Charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Thursday, the 18th instant, or they will not be recognized.
All damaged Packages will be examined on Saturday, the 13th instant, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Godard & Douglas.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
R. RODENFUSSE,
Agent.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1924. [1576]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE QUEEN'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION will be held in the Hall of Queen's College, at 5.30 p.m., on MONDAY, the 15th DECEMBER, 1924.

By Order of the General Committee.
H. O. HUNT,
Hon. Secretary.

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E. J. NATHAN,
Acting General Manager.
KAILAN MINING ADMINISTRATION. [1591]

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless Intimation to the contrary be given before 9th instant.
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th instant, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 26th inst., or they will not be recognized.
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on the 18th instant, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors, Messrs. Godard & Douglas.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
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Hongkong, 9th December, 1924. [1582]

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JOHNSTONE—At Shanghai, on December 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. K. W. JOHNSTONE, of the Salt Gabelle, a son.

MARRIAGES.

CAMIDGE-HOWE—At St. John's Cathedral, on December 10th, REGINALD ALBERT CAMIDGE, of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, to AUDREY JOSEPHINE, daughter of the late Major Howe and Mrs. Howe, of Vancouver. [1599]

HARPER-HODGE—At Shanghai, on Dec. 9th, GERALD GEORGE CHAWNER HARPER, to MARGARET HODGE, of Germantown, Philadelphia.

Hongkong Office: 14, Chater Road.

London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 15th, 1924.

ANOTHER DISARMAMENT

CONFERENCE.

NOTWITHSTANDING the Washington Conference and the League of Nations the Powers have not ceased to suspect one another, and in its Naval appropriations the United States appears to be the worst offender. A "lurking anxiety" over the imminence of a clash with Japan is said to be responsible for the growing demand for increased Naval appropriations in America. Great Britain's revival of the Singapore Base project is said to have given an impetus to this demand.

We gather that Mr. Wilson, the Naval Secretary of the United States, wants a Navy on an equal footing to Great Britain's and superior to Japan's. In the same day's budget of cables we have the news that President Coolidge has announced that he proposes to call another Disarmament Conference next Summer! We are not told why President Coolidge should wish to take this out of the hands of the League of Nations. The Disarmament Protocol which the League of Nations discussed a few months ago commits the State which may sign it, to take part in a Disarmament Conference at Geneva on June 15th, 1925.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Stitt proceeded to Shanghai by the *Macedonia*.

Booking for "Saint Jean" opens this morning at the Anderson Music Store.

Mr. L. H. V. Booth has been made a Justice of the Peace for the Colony of Hongkong.

H.E. The Governor has declared Dr. J. C. MacGowan duly elected a member of the Sanitary Board for a period of three years.

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In view of what is said in the cables to-day about the "lurking anxiety" in America over the imminence of a clash with Japan, it is of interest to recall that when the Disarmament Protocol was under discussion at Geneva, and Japan brought forward an amendment which seemed to vitally affect the whole purpose of the agreements, this action was at first generally assumed to have been inspired by consideration of America's attitude towards Japanese immigration into the United States. Japan's amendment dealt with the question whether a State may be presumed to be an aggressor if it has disregarded a unanimous report of the Council, a judicial sentence, or an arbitral award recognising the dispute between it and the other belligerent State arises out of a matter which by international law is solely within the domestic jurisdiction of the latter State; though in this case the State shall not be presumed an aggressor if it has previously submitted the question to the Council or the Assembly of the League.

It was pointed out that the meaning of this somewhat tortuous legal phraseology seemed to be that international disputes arising out of immigration questions—which lie within the domestic jurisdiction of States—may nevertheless be brought before the League, and he discussed by its Japan, it was said at the time, felt that she could not run the risk of being declared an aggressor without recourse to the League should some aspect of her emigrant question lead to disputes with the United States or with a British Dominion. It was felt that it would not have been raised in this form had the United States Senate been less imprudent in its handling of the Japanese Exclusion Law. "But since that handling made it impossible for Japan to attend any future Conference for the reduction of armaments which the United States might convene, as it convened the Washington Conference for the Limitation of Naval Armaments, the Japanese demand had to be faced at Geneva unless a main purpose of the Protocol were to be sacrificed." That purpose was to pave the way for a Conference on Disarmament to be held next year under the auspices of the League of Nations.

It was, however, officially denied that the question had any reference to Japan's emigration grievances, and in these circumstances we were driven to the conclusion that it was prompted by consideration of possible events arising out of the war in China that was then impending. The difficulty was solved at Geneva apparently to Japan's satisfaction, but the fate of the Protocol at the hands of the Powers has yet to be decided. As it now stands ratifications would have to be completed by May 1st, and the Disarmament Conference would follow in June, as provided by the terms of the Protocol. We can only assume that the announcement that President Coolidge proposes to call a Disarmament Conference next Summer means that whether or not the League of Nations Protocol is approved by the League and ratified by the Powers, another Disarmament Conference is recognised to be a necessity of the times and the sentiments of the World Powers on the subject will therefore be tested by the manner in which an invitation to meet again is received.

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The appeal which is being heard before the Full Court of Appeal at Shanghai, consisting of Judge Skinner, Turner (presiding judge) and Sir Henry Gollan (Chief Justice of Hongkong) is one in which the Siberian Agricultural Corporation, Ltd., appeal against a decision of H.M. Supreme Court in chambers in favour of R. Fernus, a French citizen, for promissory notes totalling approximately \$35,000. The defendants originally took up an interpleader summons in the Tientsin Court, and on that summons the Judge made an order to stay the action, a certain amount of money having to be paid into Court pending a settlement of the dispute regarding the subject matter of the action in the competent Court. The case was then transferred to H.M. Supreme Court, Shanghai, the competent Court referred to, when plaintiff moved for a judgment, and received it. The appeal is against this latter judgment.

Among the departures for Home by the P. & O. *Mantua* on Saturday was Mr. P. R. J. Adams, of Messrs. Little, Adams and Woods, architects and civil engineers. Mr. Adams has spent upwards of twenty years in the East. He came out originally on the civil engineering staff that built the Taikoo Docks, and afterwards joined Mr. Colbourne Little. For five or six years he represented the firm at Canton and his name is associated with the building of the fine Bund which has proved the starting point of many other city improvements at Canton. The Kai Tak Reclamation scheme in the neighbourhood of Old Kowloon City is another big work with which Mr. Adams has been identified. We understand that though he will not be returning with the firm of Little, Adams and Wood as their representative at Home, Mr. Adams before his departure was the recipient of many expressions of esteem from those with whom he had been associated in business, several Chinese gentlemen travelling down from Canton to Hongkong specially to attend a banquet given in his honour.

Commodore H. E. Grace, R.N., and the Misses Grace left for Home on Saturday on the P. & O. *Mantua*. Their great popularity ensured for them a great send-off. The boats of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club by order of the Commodore of that Club assembled to the number of between 50 and 60 at Channel Rocks on Saturday morning to salute Commodore Grace on his departure from the Colony, and dipped their burgees as the *Mantua* passed.

Commodore and Mrs. Edgar Grace and their daughters wish to thank all classes and communities in Hongkong for the courtesy and kindness which they have experienced during their happy commission in Hongkong.

When the s.s. *Haimun* arrived in port on Saturday morning the master reported to the Harbour Office that four men were picked up from a derelict junk which was passed in Lat. 21.46 N., Long. 113.238. The men were put ashore at Hoihow.

Late last night the Police received a report of an armed robbery at Mongkok, in which it was stated that four men were concerned. These are said to have entered a house, held up the inmates with revolvers, and stolen a quantity of jewellery and clothing.

The Meteorological Observations of the Royal Observatory, Hongkong, for the month of November show that no rain during the month was recorded in any part of the Colony where observations are taken. There were 254 hours of sunshine which is much above the mean for November, which is given for the period 1884-1923 as 182.9. The mean rainfall in November of that period is given as 1.74 inch.

For dredging in the harbour without a permit a boat mistress was fined \$5 or, in default, six days imprisonment at the Marine Court on Saturday. The master of a trading junk was also charged before Lieut.-Commander C. F. Hole, R.N., with anchoring in the southern railway. He pleaded that he had not been to Hongkong before and did not know the regulations. In fining the man \$5, His Worship advised him to take the trouble to find out what the regulations were.

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CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

"LURKING ANXIETY."

EXPLANATION OF DEMAND FOR LARGER U.S. NAVY.

LONDON, December 14th.

The American correspondent of the *Sunday Times* discussing the "rather ambitious new naval programme" of the United States, says there is no denying that lurking anxiety over the imminence of a clash with Japan is responsible for the growing demand for increased naval appropriations. Britain's revival of the Singapore base project have given an impetus to this demand.

ANOTHER DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE TO CALL ONE NEXT SUMMER.

LONDON, December 13th.

The *Daily Telegraph's* diplomatic correspondent writes that President Coolidge has announced that he proposes to call a disarmament conference next summer.

THE FRENCH WAR DEBT TO AMERICA.

LONDON, December 14th.

Dealing with the French war debt to America concerning which Mr. Churchill's recent declarations have apparently been received quite coolly by the French, the *Sunday Times* Paris correspondent represents influential Frenchmen as considering the vast distance between M. Jussier's talks regarding Washington conversations and a definite settlement. They regard the conversations merely as soundings to discover what is the fullest extent of American generosity.

The correspondent thinks the early funding of the American debt unlikely in view of the situation in France.

THE LEAGUE COUNCIL.

MEETING AT ROME TERMINATED.

ROME, December 13th.

The meeting of the Council of the League terminated today. President Mello Franco, in his closing speech, said he believed the labours of the Council had been most valuable and he warmly thanked the Italian Government for its hospitality.

CODIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW.

ROME, December 13th.

The League Council has appointed M. Hammarstrand (Sweden), president, and Signor Diens (Italy), vice-president of a committee for the progressive codification of international law. The United States will be represented on this Committee.

FAREWELL TO A FRENCH AMBASSADOR.

LONDON, December 13th.

A distinguished gathering representing His Majesty, the Foreign Office and also several Ambassadors, bade farewell in London to the French Ambassador, M. de St. Aulaire, who has held the office since 1920.

His successor, M. De Fleurian, formerly Minister at Peking, takes up the duties to-morrow.

FRENCH PREMIER INDISPOSED.

PARIS, December 13th.

Mr. Herriot's condition is satisfactory. The fever is decreasing and the phlebotomy of the leg is becoming localized.

ALLIED FINANCE MINISTERS TO CONFER.

PARIS, December 13th.

The conference of the Allied Finance Ministers is fixed for January 16th when Colonel Logan will represent the United States.

FRENCH REVENUE FIGURES.

BIG INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR.

PARIS, December 14th.

The November revenue returns amounted to more than 5,472,000,000 francs showing an increase of 512,000,000 francs compared with November, 1923. For the first eleven months of 1924 the increase amounts to 4,893,000,000 francs and exceeds all estimates considerably.

SPANISH MILITARY READJUSTMENTS IN MOROCCO.

MADRID, December 13th.

It is officially announced that a readjustment of the Spanish front in Ceuta, in the Tetuan sector, has been practically completed. Similar operations in the Larache zone are progressing.

Kaid Arabibenhama, a prominent rebel leader, and twelve members of his escort were killed by a Spanish bomb.

AUSTRALIAN WATERSIDE DISPUTE.

MELBOURNE, December 13th.

The position of the waterside dispute is regarded as hopeful. The conference convened by Mr. Bruce on the 12th inst. met to-day.

THE TROUBLE OVER.

LATER.

The shipping strike has been settled.

LATEST CABLES.

THE WORLD'S SPORT.

HOME FOOTBALL.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S BIG MATCHES.

LONDON, December 13th.

The Soccer matches in the various Leagues to-day resulted as under:

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION I.

Birmingham, 0; Bury, 1.
Bolton, 3; Newcastle, 2.
Burnley, 1; Arsenal, 0.
Cardiff, 2; Huddersfield, 2.
Everton, 1; West Ham, 0.
Leeds U., 0; Manchester C., 3.
Notts, 2; Sheffield U., 0.
Preston, 3; Aston Villa, 2.
Sunderland, 1; Blackburn, 0.
Tottenham, 1; Liverpool, 1.
W. Bromwich, 3; Notts F., 1.

THE LEAGUE: DIVISION II.

Chelsea, 2; Middlesbrough, 0.
Clapton, 2; Fulham, 0.
C. Palace, 2; Wolves, 1.
Leicester, 1; S. Shields, 1.
Manchester U., 3; Bradford C., 0.
Oldham, 1; Hull, 0.
Wednesday, 3; Portsmouth, 2.
Southampton, 3; Barnsley, 1.
Stoke, 1; Derby, 1.

DIVISION III.—SOUTHERN.

Brentford, 0; Watford, 0.
Brighton, 0; Swansea, 0.
Bristol C., 1; Merthyr, 0.
Luton, 2; Newport, 2.
Millwall, 2; Southend, 0.
Plymouth, 2; Aberdare, 0.

DIVISION III.—NORTHERN.

Grimshby, 0; Crewe, 0.
Halifax, 1; Walsall, 1.
N. Brighton, 3; Wigan, 0.
Rotherham, 1; Lincoln, 1.
Wrexham, 3; Durham, 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Airdrieonians, 1; Partick T., 1.
Ayr, 1; St. Mirren, 0.
Covehead, 4; Queen's Park, 0.
Falkirk, 1; Dundee, 2.
Hearts, 3; Celtic, 1.
Morton, 1; Aberdeen, 1.
Motherwell, 2; Raith Rovers, 1.
Rangers, 2; Hamilton, 0.
St. Johnstone, 4; Kilmarnock, 2.
Third Lanark, 1; Hibernians, 2.

"ALL BLACKS" WIN AGAIN.

LONDON, December 13th.

The "All Blacks" beat the Combined Services at Twickenham by 25 points to 3.

ATHLETICS.

INTER-VARSITY CROSS-COUNTRY RACE WON BY CAMBRIDGE.

LONDON, December 13th.

The Inter-University Cross-Country team race took place over seven and three-quarter miles at Wimbledon, Cambridge beating Oxford by 29 points to 35.

R. Starr (Cambridge) was first man home and completed the course in 42 minutes 19 seconds. C. Morgan (Oxford) was second in 42mins. 24secs., and J. Longe (Cambridge) third in 43mins. 10secs.

M.C.C. IN AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY, December 13th.

In muggy weather before 8,500 spectators and on a perfect wicket, the Australian Juniors batted twelve men and were captained by the veteran Test-player, Noble. They scored 169. Noble was out for a duck. Freeman took 4 wickets for 56. The M.C.C. replied with 95 for no wicket, Hobbs, not out, 50.

EARLIER CABLES.

GERMAN FEDERAL BUDGET.

BERLIN, December 12th.

The Federal Council have approved the Federal Budget for 1925.

The Extraordinary Budget provides for an expenditure of Mks. 433,000,000 and a revenue of Mks. 155,000,000.

The deficit of Mks. 277,000,000 will be covered by a loan, while a further credit of Mks. 1,500,000,000 will be required to strengthen the country's finances.

The ordinary "War Burden" Budget involves an expenditure of Mks. 1,236,000,000, of which Mks. 1,095,000,000 are for reparations purposes.

A SENSATION IN PARIS.

RUSSIAN WOMAN WITH REVOLVER.

PARIS, December 12th.

A Russian woman armed with a revolver, who is alleged to have declared her intention of killing M. Krassin out of revenge for the decimation of her family by Bolsheviks, was arrested outside the Russian Embassy and sent to gaol on a charge of illegal possession of arms.

FRENCH COLONIAL BUDGET.

AEROPLANE SERVICES IN INDO-CHINA.

PARIS, December 12th.

The budget for the Ministry of the Colonies has been increased by frs. 17,000,000.

Reporter Archimbaud suggests that the best way to develop the Colonies is to increase the trade between them and France. French merchants should buy cotton in French West Africa, and silk in Indo-China, etc. He recommends the creation of the post of High Commissioner for the Pacific, which would be politically and economically of advantage to Indo-China.

He discusses the possibility of an air-ship service between Paris and Hanoi and regular postal and passenger services by aeroplanes throughout Indo-China.

THE OPIUM CONFERENCE AT GENEVA.

ANOTHER FRANK DISCUSSION.

GENEVA, December 12th.

The afternoon plenary sitting of the Second Opium Conference was lively.

There was a frank discussion on the American motion to refer to an appropriate committee the consideration of Chapter II. of American suggestions, dealing with prepared opium, and having for its object the reduction of imports of raw opium for purposes of manufacture by ten per cent. of the present importation, for ten years, with the understanding that the reduction should not be supplemented by domestically prepared opium; furthermore that at the expiration of ten years the importation of raw opium for purposes of manufacture of prepared opium should be prohibited.

THE URUGUAYAN, BRAZILIAN AND CHINESE DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED THE MOTION.

The British, French, Portuguese, Japanese and Indian delegates combatted the motion, contending that it was outside the competence of the present conference and denying the right of the second conference to examine the labours of the first conference, whose agreement will be signed on December 13th.

The discussion was adjourned until to-morrow.

Mr. J. C. Walton replaces Mr. Campbell as the Indian delegate for the remainder of the sittings of the Opium Conference.

AN UNEXPECTED POSTPONEMENT.

LATER.

The meeting of the First Opium Conference this afternoon for the purpose of signing the agreement and protocol was unexpectedly adjourned.

Sir Michael Delevigne said his Government had advised him that the American proposal to raise the question of prepared opium before the Second Conference had been mentioned at a meeting of the Council of the League at Rome, which the British Government desired to discuss with Mr. Austen Chamberlain.

M. BOUQUELOIS (FRANCE) DECLARED THAT HE ALSO WAS UNABLE TO SIGN TO-DAY.

Mr. Alfred Sze, who had prepared an elaborate statement setting out China's reasons for not signing the Protocol was visibly surprised at this unexpected development and enquired the date to which the business would be postponed.

The President cryptically replied: "As soon as possible."

The Second Conference this afternoon dealt with the Egyptian proposal to include Hashish in the list of noxious drugs. The Chinese and American delegations supported the proposal.

Mr. Clayton and Sir M. Delevigne contended that the discussion was premature though they did not object to referring the subject to a small committee for examination and report. This was agreed to.

Following a discussion on the competence of the Second Conference to deal with the American proposals, the Spanish delegate moved an adjournment *sine die* to enable the delegates at the First Conference to consult their Governments. Mr. Porter contended that an indefinite adjournment would mean killing the American proposals. The Conference finally agreed to adjourn until December 10th.

POLAND'S DEBT.

AGREEMENT FOR REPAYMENT TO BRITAIN.

LONDON, December 12th.

It is learned from an authoritative Polish source that the Anglo-Polish agreement for the repayment of Poland's debt to Great Britain, provides for the reduction of interest from six to five per cent. Repayment of the whole debt is to be made within fifteen years.

"A FOOL'S ERRAND."

GEN. SIR CHARLES KAVANAGH'S "CHINA TRIP."

LONDON, December 12th.

In the King's Bench division, during the hearing of the action brought by Messrs. Humphrey, Denny & Co., Ltd., which is in liquidation, against Lt. General Sir Charles Kavanagh claiming £1,750 as unpaid cash and £900 share in the company and damages for alleged breach of agreement, the Company alleged that Sir Charles had accepted £250 salary and £500 as expenses for a trip to China to report on mines over which the Company held an option. The Company alleged that he had failed in that duty.

Sir Charles Kavanagh now asked that his name be struck off the list of shareholders on the ground that he had been fraudulently misled by the statements of Mr. Enever, agent of the Company. He denied that there had been any breach of agreement.

In the course of his evidence, Sir Charles described his visit to China as "a fool's errand."

LATEST CABLES.

REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.

OBITUARY.

MR. SAMUEL GOMPERS.

NEW YORK, December 13th.

The death of Mr. Samuel Gompers is announced.

SAN ANTONIO, December 14th.

Mr. Gompers achieved his last wish, which was to reach America soil before his death. The strain of the journey from Mexico overtaxed his strength. The altitude of Mexico City affected his heart. He fainted twice during his stay there.

Many of those who fought with him in labour battles were at his bedside in his last moments.

The body is being conveyed to New York where he will be buried in Sleepy Hollow cemetery in accordance with his own request.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

JAPANESE SHIP WRECKED IN A BLIZZARD.

HEAVY SEAS BREAK UP THE VESSEL.

TOKYO, December 12th.

The *Kwantu Maru*, a special service vessel, which grounded yesterday morning in a blizzard off Tsuruga, was broken up by heavy seas last night. She carried a crew of 150. Half the crew is reported to have landed. Two destroyers are standing by but rescue work is greatly hampered by rough seas. The fate of the rest of the crew is at present unknown.

LATER.

Fifty-six members of the crew, including the captain, and five other officers were taken off the wreck by a warship. Forty members of the crew are believed to have landed on the coast. Eight bodies have been recovered. The fate of the remaining members of the crew (which numbered 130 in all) is at present unknown, according to an official statement.

LATER.

It is officially stated, that the *Kwantu Maru* is broken in half, forty members of the crew are still aboard. The rest have landed.

THE BOXER INDEMNITY FUNDS.

OBLIGATION TO THE F.B.I.

APPLICATION.

LONDON, December 13th.

The Rev. G. G. Warren (Wesleyan Missionary), in a letter to *The Times* supports the decision of the British Chambers of Commerce in China that the remitted indemnity in connection with the Boxer rebellion should be devoted to education and medical purposes and opposes the application of the Federation of British Industries for representation on the statutory committee as being only based on the ground that British manufacturers were to profit by the fund's expenditure. On the other hand, Mr. Warren appeals for friendly treatment towards China. Remembrance of the form of Britain's gift, he says, may affect, for good or ill, Sino-British relations during a generation. He urges Parliament deliberately to decide this issue and not to let the statutory committee do the appropriate task of advising the Foreign Office regarding the fund's proper allocation and administration.

The *Daily Herald* states that Mr. Chamberlain has notified the Hon. Bertrand Russell and Mr. G. Lowes Dickinson that the invitations given to them by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald to serve on the Boxer Statutory Committee are cancelled.

THE SINGAPORE BASE.

WORK TO BE STARTED.

LONDON, December 13th.

Speaking at Ouseway Admiral Bridge-man, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated that the Cabinet had agreed to allow him to start upon the Singapore base. It was most essential if they had to rely on the present smaller navy that they have a base where capital ships could be repaired, instead of having to come home wasting time and money.

LATEST CABLES.

REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.

U.S. NAVAL APPROPRIATIONS.

WASHINGTON, December 14th.

Naval Appropriations for the next fiscal year totalling \$288,000,000 which is one million below the Budget estimate were reported to the House of Representatives to-day. The sub-committee reporting on the condition of the Navy denies the indications given in the Press that America's naval prestige is rapidly waning as a past state of affairs which has now been remedied. The sub-committee adds that the United States was at a disadvantage at the time of the Washington Conference in respect of aircraft carriers, but two battleships are now being transformed into aircraft carriers and these give the country a greater tonnage in such vessels than any other nation apart from Great Britain.

Mr. Wilson, Secretary for the Navy, is of opinion that the United States will have to spend \$110,000,000 annually for the next twenty years in order to maintain a Navy on an equal footing to Britain's, and superior to Japan's.

U.S. WAR CLAIMS.

COLLECTION UNDER DAWES PLAN.

WASHINGTON, December 12th.

The Government has replied to the recent British Note with regard to the payment of United States claims against Germany by making a charge on the amount received by the Reparations Commission under the Dawes plan.

It is understood that Secretary Hughes firmly maintains that America has every right, as one of the associated Powers, to make collections from Germany under the Dawes plan.

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S VIEW.

WASHINGTON, December 13th.

President Coolidge is represented as opposed to any plan for submitting to the World Court or other tribunal the question of the adjudication of the war claims against Germany under the Dawes plan.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

YEH KUNG CHO.

ESTABLISHES NEW COMMISSION TO IMPROVE TRAFFIC.

PEKING, December 14th.

Yeh Kung Cho has established a Commission on which he will serve as Chairman of the Staff and from which will be drawn the Ministries of Communications and War and various railway administrations. Provision will be made for Vice-Chairmen appointed to various military commands, the idea being that they will attend when questions relating to the transportation of their respective troops come up for discussion. The Commission's purpose is to arrange better military and commercial traffic, pending the restoration of normal conditions, and otherwise overcome the horrible congestion which has attended military transportation in North China and the effects of which are still paralysing traffic.

"THE TIMES" ON CHINA.

LONDON, December 13th.

Remarking that events in China continue to develop in a manner defying the political presuppositions accepted in Europe, *The Times* in a leader criticises the wording of the recent note of the Powers to China and expresses the opinion that it was only necessary to notify the new Peking Government that the Powers are prepared to deal with it on a businesslike and diplomatic lines to convey a clear reminder, in view of some recent tendencies, that the treaties must be respected. It says it is important to discover whether in this new phase of Chinese politics there are clearer indications of some ultimate settlement and the establishment of some political system which will shed the forms of civil war. It adds that there seem to be no signs of such a tendency.

[FROM THE "DAILY BULLETIN."]

CHANG TSO LIN'S CAUTION.

PEKING, December 12th.

Since Tuan Chi Jui assumed office he has consistently advocated a settlement with Chi Hsieh Yuan and other prominent members of the Chihli party without resorting to fighting, whereas Chang Tso Lin was anxious to see the new ruler installed at Nanking before returning to Mukden. This is one of the two main reasons why Chang Tso Lin lingered at Tientsin; the other being his uneasiness regarding Feng Yu Hsiang's intentions. Chang Tso Lin shared the common belief that Feng Yu Hsiang and Sun Yae Sen would make a strong appeal to the country on the Communist platform if the Fengtien forces were out of the way.

The appointment of Lu Yung Hsiang as Pacification Commissioner for Kiangsu and Anhui, otherwise the leader of the expedition against Chi Hsieh Yuan, was accepted here as showing that Chang Tso Lin insisted that further bargaining with Chi Hsieh Yuan was inexpedient.

Lu Yung Hsiang's appointment creates the need for a new army, which is necessary for the purpose in view of Chang Tso Lin's cancellation of his punitive expedition.

It is understood that Chang Tso Lin is placing 40,000 troops at Lu Yung Hsiang's disposal, and Chang Tso Hsiang has already started for Hsuehchow with eight Fengtien mixed brigades as an advance guard.

The local Press points out that Chi Hsieh Yuan intends to resist diametrically, but Peking officials do not think so, while admitting that the situation is fraught with awkward possibilities through Feng Yu Hsiang's strong position at Peking, but they are mostly convinced that Chang Tso Lin will not divide his Fengtien forces unless he now felt safe from attack by Feng Yu Hsiang if a situation favourable to the latter arose.

The disbanded troops comprise Wu Pei Fu's former army, the units of which are almost dissipated, most of the men having been taken over by the other leaders.

TARTAR GENERAL OF JEHO.

PEKING, December 12th.

A mandate has been issued appointing Kan Chao Shu Tartar General of Jehol, vice Mi Chen Piao, who is instructed to hand over his post to Kan Chao Shu, and come to Peking for a new appointment.

Another mandate appoints Li Ching Lin Tapan of Military Affairs in Chihli.

LATEST CABLES.

REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.

WAR DEBTS TO UNITED STATES.

A CONTROVERSIAL QUESTION.

NEW YORK, December 13th.

The newspapers publish lengthy editorials on the position regarding British and French debts to America. *The World* defends the British attitude, claiming that the United States cannot afford to impair world trade relations by insisting on being treated as a preferred creditor. On the other hand, the *Evening Post* severely condemns the British attitude towards France and declares that the debts owed to America are different from genuine inter-Ally debts. France is entitled to deal with America differently from other Allies. *The Herald Tribune* also contends that the Paris-Washington negotiations do not concern Great Britain.

THE SCIENTIFIC SPIRIT IN RELIGION.

DR. HODGSON'S LECTURE AT THE UNIVERSITY.

"Can we have the scientific spirit in religion?" was a question raised by Dr. H. T. Hodgson in a lecture given last night at the University on "Science and Religion."

The scientific spirit, said the lecturer, was the spirit which determined to follow whatever facts were discovered. This spirit had led to the advancement of science, and in close relation to this was the determination to submit all facts to test. Innumerable experiments had to be worked out in order to establish any theory.

They had in the scientist's spirit of constant enquiry and a curiosity which would not be satisfied—a spirit of research, always looking into the wonderful storehouse of nature until he found out some of the laws guiding nature in its many operations. So it was that in science one thing led on to another, and again and again they had the scientific spirit of endless research.

Science was in evidence in every sphere of life, and to-day they found science applying what it had discovered of common every day life. The scientific spirit was not abstract, being something men had or did not have. What it demanded was honesty, curiosity, reverence for truth, humility and courage. These were some of the human qualities found in those who had the scientific spirit.

Religion without the scientific spirit would not be tolerated at least in the world of to-morrow. Some thought that there was a mental conflict between science and religion. All the races of mankind had some sort of religion, but he was particularly thinking of Christianity when he would say religion attempted to stand in the way of scientific advancement, and it seemed they were ready to twist the facts in order that the theories of religion might be retained.

Religion stood condemned by the judgment of the scientific spirit, in so far as religion or religious men were not prepared fearlessly to apply the teachings of religion to life. So far as the religious man and woman did not do this they stood condemned by the man of science. Religion handed out certain facts which they were asked to believe, but science said "test them, and if they stand the test, use them and go on."

The scientific spirit brought so manifest results in so many fields of life, and they would never go back on that spirit. The scientific spirit wrongly used became an enemy. When it negated instead of affirming, it threatened the very best in human life. Used for other than its proper purpose it endangered human life.

Religion should face the facts. It was not irrelevant to find out what one could about God, for religion was the beginning of a never ending search of the human mind for the ultimate meaning of life and understanding.

It was the speaker's profound belief that science had a great gift to make to religion, and that science alone without religion was an actual danger to human life, because it increased knowledge without increasing character in proportion.

Sir Henry Follock, K.C., presided, and there was a large gathering of students and others present.

WISH WYNNE.

COMING VISIT TO HONGKONG.

The news that the great impressionist, Wish Wynne, is to visit Hongkong has been received here with genuine enthusiasm. It is not often that the world's big ones come this way and when they do they may always be assured of our support.

In Wish Wynne there is something original, something unique. Her studies of cockney (and other) characters have a realism—they are actually breathing and have their being. No mere imitations, these. They are in very fact little bits of real life transplanted to the stage. And, above all, her humour has, like that of Sir James Barrie, a deep note of pathos underlying it. She shows us how akin is the laugh to the tear.

Her down-trodden little slaves with the wistful, semi-contemptuous "Er—Oh! Er—" is just such a sad little wail as may be found by the score in Bloomsbury to-day. It is almost impossible to listen to the quaint sketch of the little girl taking her father's dinner to his work, and to hear her sobbing "I shan't arf cop out for that" when she accidentally drops the basin containing the aforesaid provender, without getting a lump in the throat.

Wish Wynne herself often has very real tears coursing down her cheeks during this episode, and it must not be imagined that Wish Wynne is a gloomy artist to listen to. Far from it. There is always an abundance of laughter whenever she is about. She has light and shadow, that richest of all stage qualities—and her humour is as delicate as life as it is, is her dominant asset. Wish Wynne is real, understanding, sincere—one of the world's rare personalities.

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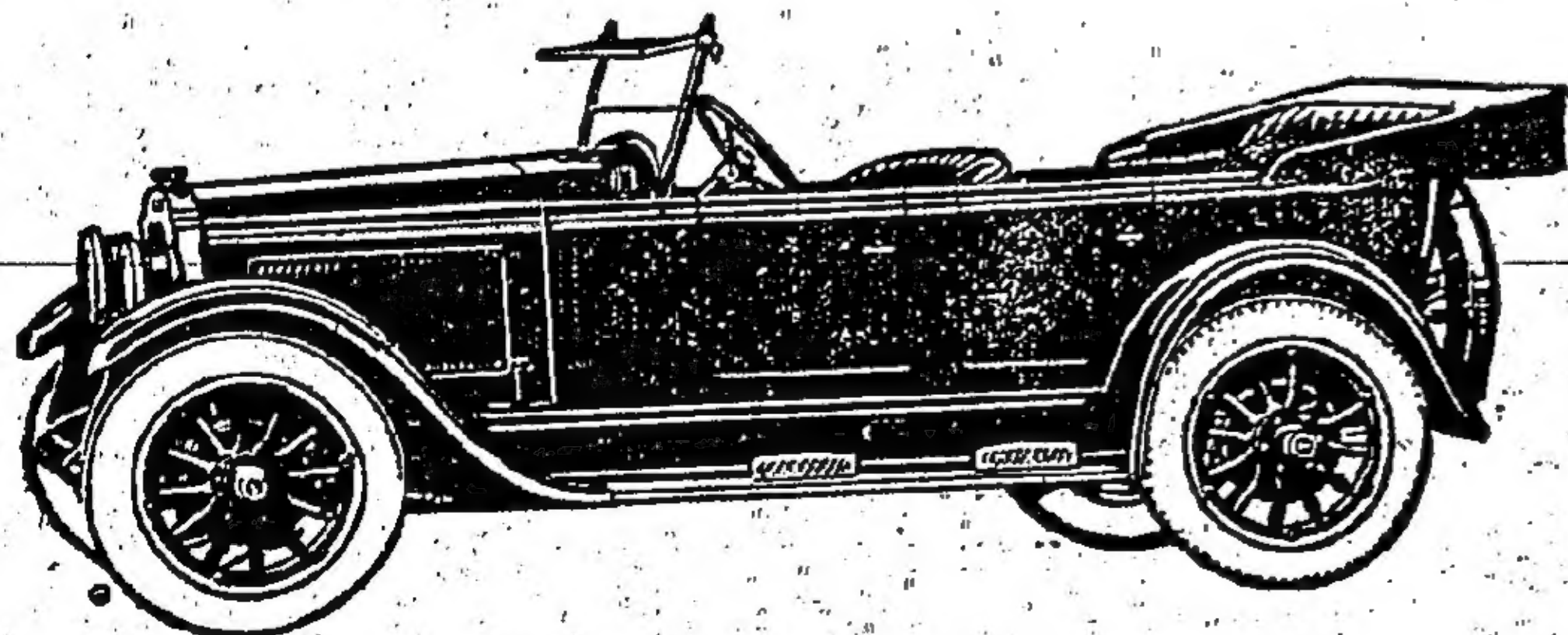
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THRONE OF RUSSIA.

DOWAGER EMPRESS'S VIEW.

The Grand Duke Cyril of Russia issued some weeks ago, a manifesto affirming his rights as Heir Presumptive to the Throne of All the Russias. In letters which have been made public both the Dowager Empress and the Grand Duke Nicolas Nicolaievitch now express their complete disapproval of this step. Writing to the Grand Duke Nicolas, the Dowager-Empress affirms that hitherto there has been no precise information as to the fate of her son and her grandson, and she expresses the fear that the Grand Duke Cyril's manifesto may create a secession and the reply render the situation of Russia still more disastrous. Should, however, a successor have to be found for the Russian Throne, the Emperor, her Majesty adds, "will, I suppose, be indicated by our Fundamental Laws, in agreement with the Orthodox Church and the Russian people." In forwarding this letter for publication to the Russian newspapers that appear in Paris, the Grand Duke Nicolas accompanied it with a statement expressing full agreement with the views of the Dowager Empress, and adding that on several occasions he had already stated his conviction that the future organisation of the Russian Empire could only be decided on Russian soil and in agreement with the aspirations of the Russian people.

700 WIVES GIVEN NOTICE.

AN EXILED KING'S PROOF OF CONVERSION.

Ex-King Prempeh, of Ashanti, who had been exiled in the Seychelles Islands for 24 years, and has arrived at Liverpool on his way back to his native land, had 700 wives, twelve of whom he took into exile with him.

When he became a Christian in 1901, he told a correspondent, he sent his twelve wives back, and he intends to have only one wife when he gets home. Prempeh wears European dress, of which he is very proud, but he said it was not true that he wore a top hat when he went to church.

Captured by a British force in 1896, Prempeh was deported four years later. Twenty-nine chiefs went with him, of whom only three survive, but when he arrived on the Anchor liner *Olympic* he was accompanied by a retinue of 45 relatives and servants.

A picturesque member of the party was General Asutu Boakye, aged 94, who was second in command of the Ashanti Army that fought Sir Garnet Wolseley's force in 1874.

The ex-monarch, now aged 54, although returning to Ashanti a free man, will not be king and will have no territorial sway.

"My father, mother, and brother all died in Seychelles," he sadly remarked. "But I had nothing to complain of there except, of course, the banishment from my own country. I have had plenty of liberty."

During the voyage Prempeh issued a challenge to passengers and crew to engage him at draughts. He remained unconquered to the end, proving an expert player.

While exiled he and his people have come to speak the Creole language, and all the children, of whom quite a number have been born in the Seychelles, are being tutored in the same tongue.

MARS KEEPS ITS SECRET.

NO RESULT FROM RECENT OBSERVATION.

Mars still remains a conspicuous object in the night sky, but it is now some 23,000,000 miles further away than when it made its closest approach in August, and increases its distance by over 600,000 miles a day. Whenever the weather has been favourable during the last two months, astronomers, professional and amateur, have closely scrutinised the planet, and in more favoured parts of the world it has been under almost constant observation. America's giant telescopes have been nightly focussed upon it, and thousands of photographs have been obtained.

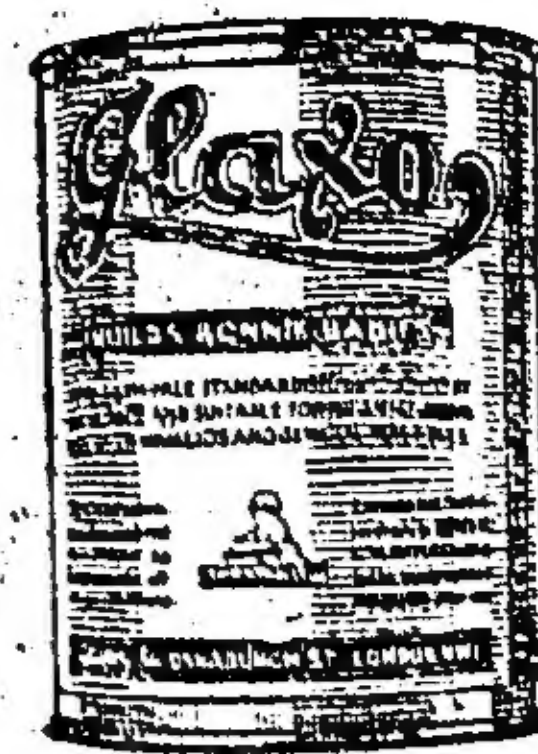
But the anticipations that the planet, while nearer the earth than for over a century, would be compelled to yield up the secret of its hypothetical inhabitants have not been realised. Certain small changes in some of the well-defined physical features have been noted, as well as curious variations in the size of the white area around its south pole, which is believed to be ice or snow; but the geometrical network of canals charted by the late Prof. Lowell and others has eluded the keenest eyes, and the tantalising problem of its habitability is still as far from solution as ever.

It will be many years before Mars again comes as near as it was last summer, but fairly close approaches will take place in July, 1926, September 1926, and August 1927. That of 1927 will be the most favourable, the distance of Mars then being about 35,000,000, or within 400,000 miles of the minimum distance this year.

A claim that a husband was liable if his wife borrowed money on the false representation that it was for his use has been negatived by the House of Lords.

Mrs. Miriam Ferguson and Mrs. Nellie Ross, both Democrats, who have been elected Governors of Texas and Wyoming respectively, are the first women to attain to that office.

To-day in society it is as much the right thing to abstain from church as once it was the fashion to attend.—*The Bishop of Southwark.*



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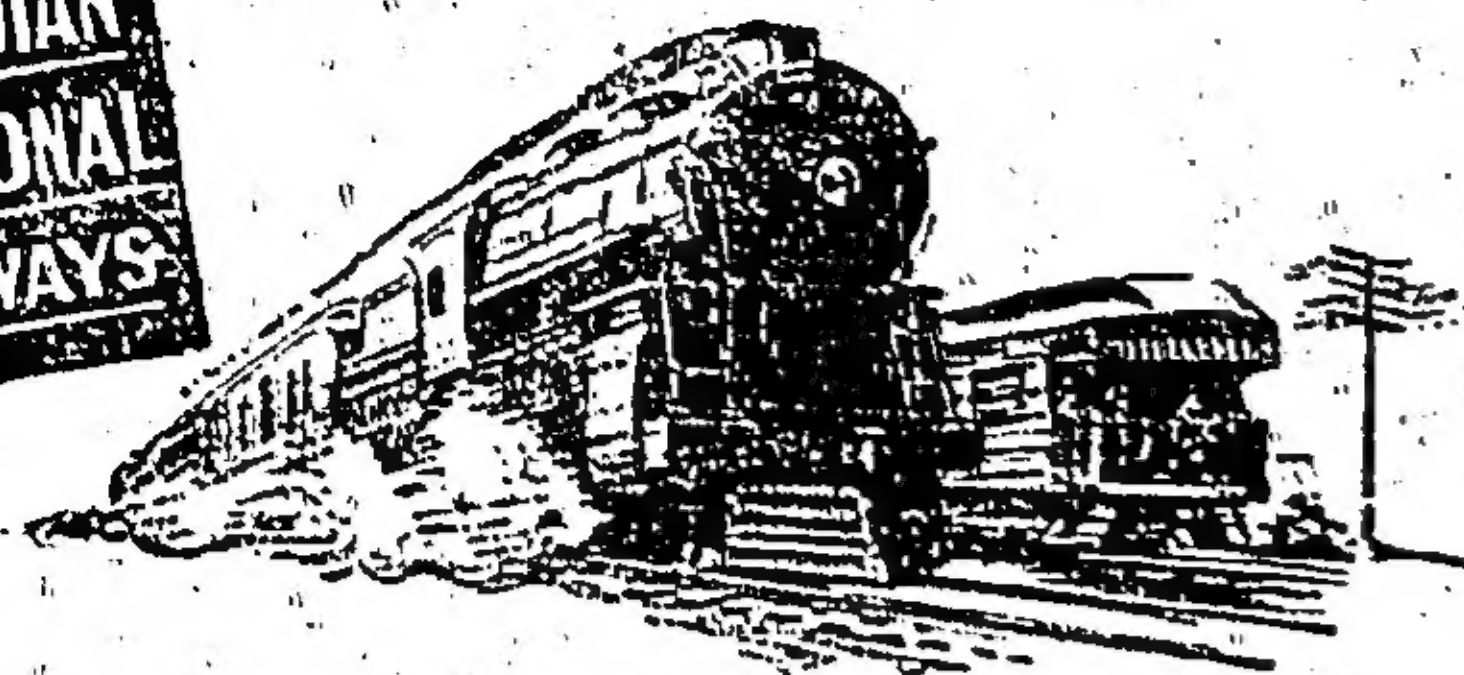
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THE ANCIENT EGG.

Generations of humorists have made easy mirth over the nice adaptation of the epithets applied by the vendors of eggs to their wares. A study of the many, indeed, furnish proof to the philosopher of the relativity of all mundane thought and things. But we had supposed that even with the eggs some measure of practical certainty could be attained. The eggs which vaunt themselves at dairy shows, for example, we believed to be all glorious within, beyond suspicion now. It was not to be thought of that the competitors should send, or the judges tolerate, an egg which was past its prime. But now from Scotland comes a sad tale of deceit. The Yorkshire Agricultural Association has just been holding a dairy show at Kilmarnock, and in the classes for fresh eggs "a large number of the exhibits were disqualified for old age." Some of the eggs, we are told, were recognised as having been exhibited at previous shows a year or more past and as having frequently won prizes as fresh eggs. "How the particular egg was identified as a past prize-winner is left a mystery, mysterious as the fact that an egg could keep on going to shows for years without its antiquity attracting the notice of judges. But there seems to be no doubt that it has been the custom of some lanky hen wives in Yorkshire, whenever a hen exerts herself, to set the chef d'œuvre aside and send it to show after show. The process, apparently, might have gone on till these hardy perennial eggs were as old as those of the great auk or the myrmidon, if the judges at Kilmarnock had not (shall we say?) got wind of something. It starts us to find that there was such simple faith in Scotland in the future, we presume some sterner tests will be applied. It might be nominated in the bond that the exhibitor shall eat any egg selected by the judge. Thus the exhibitors would certainly be persuaded to rise on stepping-stones of their dead selves to higher things, and a new standard of freshness introduced into the egg market. They cannot complain that the Kilmarnock judges have acted prematurely. "Fresh" is no doubt a relative, not an absolute, term, but when eggs put on the antiquity of wine the hardest curate must protest no parts of them are excellent. Yet we are glad that the fraud was not discovered till the end of the election campaign. If the judges had been what the Prime Minister calls precipitate, the atmosphere round certain platforms might have been still more meretricious.—Daily Telegraph.

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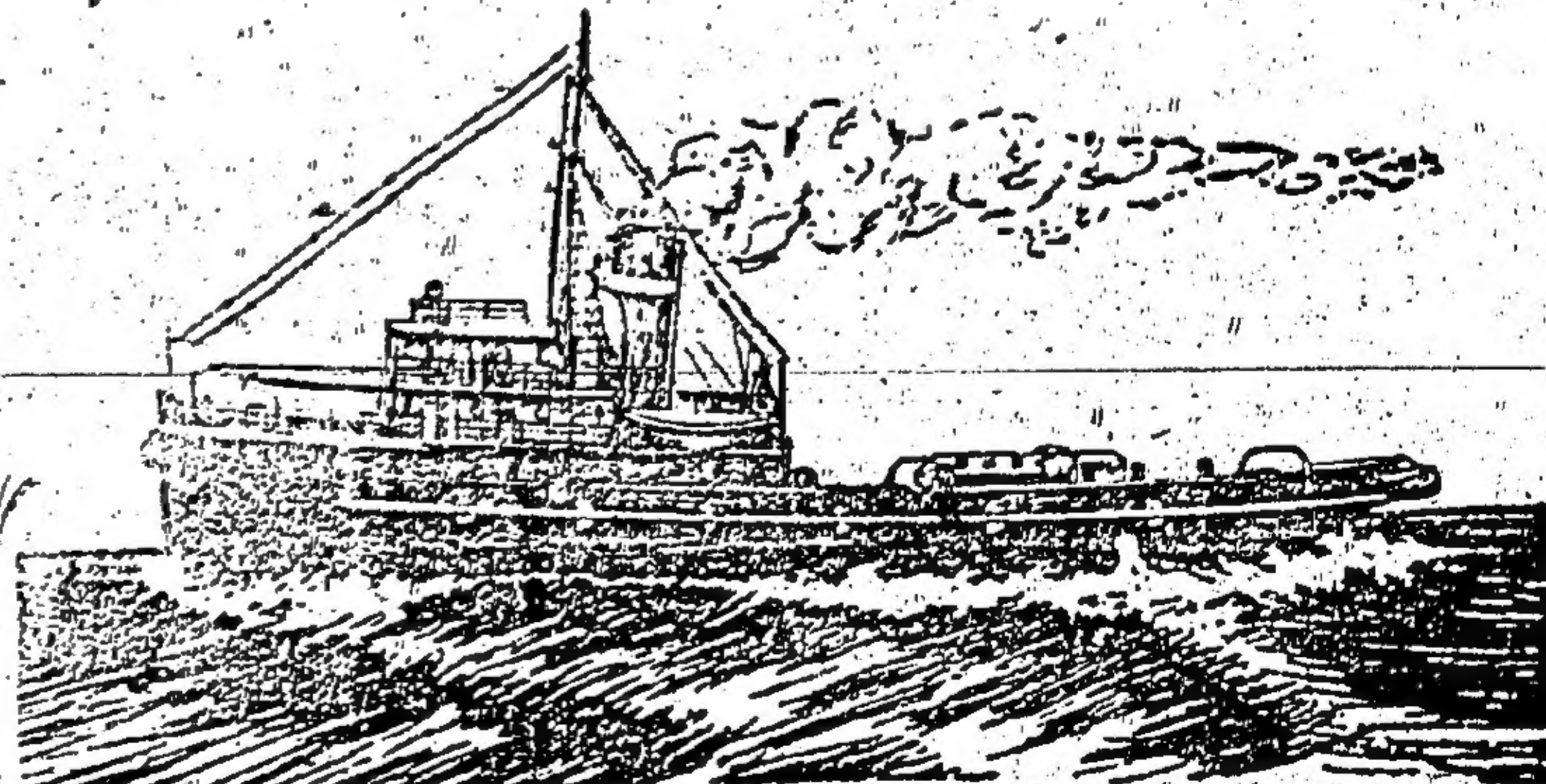
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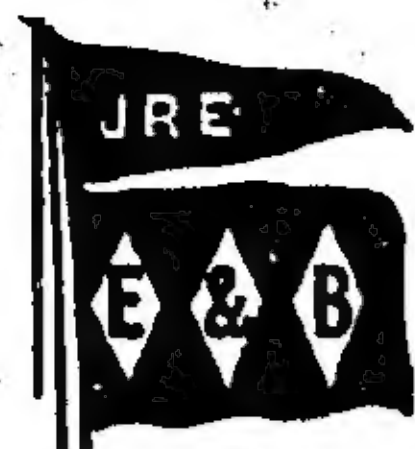
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"MACEDONIA"	11,069	10th Jan.	Marseilles & London
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"KASHMIR"	9,963	24th Jan.	do.
"SARDINIA"	6,884	24th Jan.	do.
"MALWA"	10,941	7th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"TANDA"	6,966	7th Feb.	Moji & Kobe
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"SOUDAN"	6,896	21st Feb.	do.
"SICILIA"	8,813	7th Mar.	do.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	7th Mar.	Moji & Kobe
"MANUA"	10,902	7th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"KARMAIA"	8,086	21st Mar.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,069	3rd Apr.	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	17th Apr.	Moji & Kobe
"SARDINIA"	6,884	22nd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
"NAGOYA"	10,911	1st May	do.
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SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"TEAN"	On 17th Dec.	11 a.m.
SWATOW & TSINGTAO	"LINAN"	On 17th Dec.	Noon
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SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 21st Dec.	11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KAYING"	On 22nd Dec.	11 a.m.
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